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1. Major military news: seizure French  
reverse southern Annam.

A. Army attack terms French with

drawals An Khe. Scheduled as

"Operation Atlanta" in reverse

1. "Atlantic Bayarra breakthrough"  
clear enemy from Annam coastal  
strip. Started well, but  
operation bogged down in  
face enemy pressure.

French withdrawing from An Khe

to Pleiku 25 June when attacked,

lost over 1,000 men, entire

mobile group HQ, 220 trucks.

C. Enemy pressure southern Annam

makes French influence over even

small sectors there problematical.

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1. Aside from region adjacent Cochinchina, Pleiku and Ban Ma Thuot are now only important French centers plus team areas.
2. Plateau areas important in denying Viet Minh lateral routes to Laos, Cambodia.
3. Also, Ban Dai has long-term dream of economic development for region.
4. Viet Minh build-up may be designed establish base this area for improved bargaining position in possible partition talks, also for later penetration Laos, Cambodia and Cochinchina after trace.

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II. In Cambodia, only bright spot of past week, Cambodian army evidenced much improvement.

A. Two battalions scored successes south of Phnom Penh.

B. Cambodian units defeated one battalion near Kratie, sent it retreating northward.

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